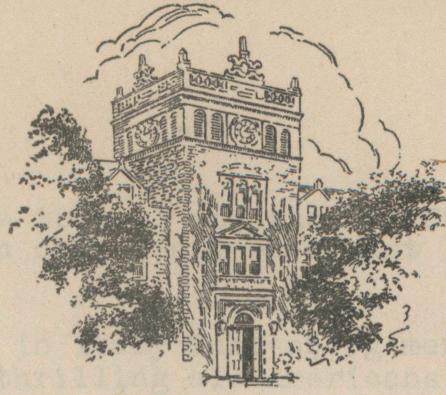


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Good Morning:

We saw an ad in a Philadelphia paper this morning announcing that "letter writing is more fun when you use Greetletts--24 novelty sheets and 24 envelopes for \$1." They were guaranteed to be a real incentive for letter writing. Around here, however, we don't need Greetletts or anything like that for inspiration to write this bi-weekly letter to 1238 Muhlenberg men in the armed forces. The only thing we need is to know your correct address. Incidentally, we're still looking for the addresses of approximately 100 Muhlenberg men we know are in the armed forces and we have a strong suspicion that a number of others are getting this letter through a circuitous route just because we don't have their latest addresses on file. Our Christmas mailings will be ready by the end of this month so, unless you want Santa Claus to miss you, be sure we have your correct address on file.

Things should begin to hum around here in the next few days now that the boss--President Tyson to you--has come back from his hard-earned rest at his New Jersey shore summer home. We don't mean to suggest that the mice were playing, but somehow or other it does seem more like Muhlenberg when Dr. Tyson is around.

Something new has been added: Military reviews, with the newly organized service band providing the music, are held on the campus every Saturday morning at 11:15 o'clock. Beginning this week-end, we're throwing them open to the public to show them Muhlenberg's V-12 unit. The bluejackets and marines look trim and the band can really play. If you ever get around here on a Saturday, drop in. Incidentally, the first home football game will be with Bucknell on September 16--just a bit more than a week away.

We're going to make this letter one page shorter than usual this week in order to send you some information on the G.I. Bill of Rights. The enclosed pamphlet should answer all of your questions about it and, incidentally, may answer some of the questions of your friends in service. If we missed anything, Haps will be glad to supply the additional information. We have plenty of the pamphlets on hand and we'd appreciate your help in getting them into the hands of other service men. We'll send you a few extras if you want them.

Wedding bells have been ringing for some of your friends and, according to the papers, threaten to ring for several others. LIEUTENANT (j.g.) THOMAS RICHTER '38, a chaplain in the Naval Hospital at San Diego, was married to Caroline Miller of Coronado, Calif. in July; RUSSELL SHOEMAKER '43 to Ethel M. Neff of Slatington, at Slatington on August 26; HOWARD E. LAUBACH II '42 to Eleanor Smith of Catasauqua on August 27; CORPORAL RICHARD WILLIAMS '45 to Bonnie Lucille Holmes of Dighton, Kansas on August 13 at Barksdale Field, La.; and RANDOLPH E. CHARLES '41 to Lillian Schmidt of Auburn, Mass. on August 19.

Believe it or not, but Winfield Keck of the physics department has finally decided that bachelorhood does not pay. He'll be married to Margaret Ann Yuza--also a physicist--in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on September 23. And that should hold you for faculty news this week.

While we're on vital statistics, the engagement of LIEUTENANT JAMES CAPEHART (of basketball fame) to Janice E. Bortz of Allentown has been announced. And just one more--Lieutenant and Mrs. Edward "Scrapper" Farrell became the parents of a prospective football player on August 29.

We're sorry to have to tell you that LIEUTENANT KENNETH STRUBLE '44 was killed in action over Italy on August 11. He was an Army Air Force pilot.

Over in France and in Italy Muhlenberg men are helping to make the headlines that are thrilling all Americans these days as our men plunge forward into Hitler's "impregnable" Reich! From Italy PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWIN MINNER '43 reports that Rome is by far the most beautiful city he has ever seen. STAFF SERGEANT HERBIE DOWD '43 also is in Italy and tells us that with the exception of the heat and insects the part of the country he knows is fairly pleasant. His squad, he is glad to say, knocked out a kraut mortar and perforated some of Hitler's supermen beyond repair.

Over in France CAPTAIN FRED DRY '37 ran into a cache of ten cases of three star Hennessy and is making good use of it. He substantiates the American news correspondents with the report that the French are very glad to see American troops. CHAPLAIN ISREAL YOST '37, who was awarded the Purple Heart sometime ago after being wounded in the arm during the early stages of the Italian campaign, now wears the blue ribbon of a unit citation for outstanding gallantry in battle, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

With much puffing and perspiration, LT.COL. FRANK M. BROWN '19 tramped to the top of Mount Vesuvius and saw the amazing sight of that hole in the earth. T/3 FRANKIE FELTMAN '42 also is in Italy where one of our recent letters reminded him of Muhlenberg's Varsity "M" Club's show. Remember?

And now we shift to the other side of the world where more than a few Muhlenberg alumni have some tough battles ahead of them before the final victory is won. We got a new slant on India from LIEUTENANT ROBERT RUHF '41 who says he honestly likes it over there. A good mess, a beautiful officers' club with a bar, movies every night, and a well-stocked PX are some of the reasons for liking it. The only things really missing, he says, are American women. When the war has been won and he comes back, he promises a story of an interesting boat ride. Censorship says "No" right now.

LIEUTENANT (j.g.) WILMER CRESSMAN '42 promises to murder the first person who mentions an ocean cruise to him when he returns to civilian life. He points out, just in case some people have forgotten, that American forces have advanced many thousands of miles in the Pacific since last December. LIEUTENANT LEONARD HODGKINSON '36 wrote to us from his foxhole on Guam to say that the first mail after Guam had been taken brought a letter from Muhlenberg. LIEUTENANT JAMES ROGERS '36 reports that he's still in one piece after going through the Saipan and Tinian operations. They were no picnic, but Lady Luck was with him brushing the lead away. He and Chuck Garretson and George Legg, almost neighbors before they came to Muhlenberg, are waiting for a chance to get together in the Pacific. All of them are out there.

We'll print a letter from GEORGE BIBIGHAUS '45 in the next issue of the Alumni Magazine. For the time being we can tell you that he's a flat foot (both literally and figuratively) patrolling towns and beaches on an island in the Pacific. Out in New Guinea, LIEUTENANT NELSON GRAHAM '40 is waiting anxiously to hear from LIEUTENANT (j.g.) JOHNNY UMLAUF of the same class. Look for Nels' description of New Guinea in the September issue of the Magazine.

If any of you get to Washington, go to the White House and look up PRIVATE HAROLD GRAY '33, who is with the M.P. unit on duty there--a good spot if there ever was one. LIEUTENANT (j.g.) AL KUNZ '33 is up in my favorite section of New England about to complete a special Navy course at Harvard. Incidentally, twenty-seven members of the Class of 1933 are now in the armed forces.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RICHARD WOODRING '44 is in an M.P. unit at

Camp Pickett, Va., trying to get a three-day pass so he can get back to familiar sights and odors of the Allentown Fair. Out in Sioux Falls, S.D., SERGEANT EARL LINDWALL '40 is doing his best to dig up a few post-war students for Muhlenberg. Incidentally, Lindwall was married to Margaret Mertz of Easton on May 7 and they are now living in a deluxe trailer in Sioux Falls. SERGEANT RICHARD KINARD '43 is down at Camp Maxey, Texas and not griping about Texas. He says it wouldn't do any good.

ENSIGN FRED BOWMAN '44 started writing to us from Chicago, but his wife--her name is Elsie--made him cut it short because she wanted the bathroom floor painted. Fred is still taking that special Navy course at the University of Chicago. FRANK YOST '40 is one of the boys at the Naval Training Base at Bainbridge. After years of trying, ENSIGN BILL DEISSLER '43 and Kaye Hartman, the girl who used to keep Haps Benfer on the beam, finally got together at Palm Beach, Florida. And that proves again: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

EDWARD J. BROWN '46 is about to complete his training at Bainbridge. RAYMOND BARNES, of the same class, is also there and they get to see each other occasionally. CORPORAL RAYMOND SCHOLL '46 is a radio operator on a B-24--static head, to the Air Force. He's at Mount Home, Idaho now, and when he goes into combat he says it will be with the best training in the world.

ART GETZ '44 is steaming away at Camp Blanding, Fla. and finds that the Army takes up more time than a soldier on an eight-hour pass takes up from his girl. Vern Wilson, Frank Morgan, and Clarence Troxell, who were introduced to Muhlenberg with the first V-12 unit, dropped in over the weekend and saw the review. We're not telling you who else they saw or what prompted their visit.

That's about all the correspondence there is for this time, but we would like to keep you up to date on the promotions: SERGEANT EDWIN J. McMANUS '43; STAFF SERGEANT HERBERT DOWD '43; LIEUTENANT JAMES A. ROGERS '36; TECHNICAL SERGEANT CLAUDE KERSHNER '45; CORPORAL GEORGE BALTHASER '31; SECOND LIEUTENANT WALLACE H. DEEBEL '29; SECOND LIEUTENANT ANDREW DIEFENDERFER '40; SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES VAN REED '44; SEAMAN SECOND CLASS BYRON R. WAHL '44; ENSIGN EARLE R. SWANK '43; SEAMAN SECOND CLASS FRANK YOST '40; SERGEANT RICHARD KINARD '42; SERGEANT EARL LINDWAL '40; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWIN MINNER '43; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLARD FLUCK '46; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HOWARD HARING '46; PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. HENRY BROWN '44; SEAMAN SECOND CLASS JOHN CEPERICH '44; ENSIGN DONALD S. HOLMES '44; SEAMAN FIRST CLASS HUGH McGEE '44; SEAMAN FIRST CLASS CARLOS H. PUIG '44; SECOND LIEUTENANT PAUL STOVER '44; and SERGEANT CARL G. CLAYTON '34.

And for the new names that have been added recently:

Cpl. William Oswalt '47, Address Wanted  
Pfc. Ralph S. Dickerson '43, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Cal.  
Lt. Robert A. Dibbell '42, Stud.Trg. Det., S.A.F., Smyrna, Tenn.  
Pvt. Ralph L. Herbst '43, Co. A, 63 Bn., 11th Inf. Camp Wolters, Tex.  
Cpl. Haldeman C. Stout '28, APO 350, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.  
Capt. Harold Whitenight '24, Ord. Dept., Edgewood Arsenal, Md.  
Edward Brown '46, Co. 3414, Brks 332 U, USNTC, Bainbridge, Md.  
LeRoy Everett '41, Address Wanted  
Gerald Stillwagon '43, Address Wanted  
Pfc. Raymond F. Beck '44, 1st Bn. 304 Inf. 76th Div. Camp McCoy, Wis.  
Pvt. Donald Brobst '46, Co.A, 24 Bn. 7th Regt. Ft. McClellan, Ala.  
Lt. Edward Fenstermacher '45, Address Wanted  
SK2/c Albert M. Swank '29, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Cal.  
Pvt. Robert Lake '43, Address Wanted.

We're at the bottom of another page so that will have to be all for this time. Good luck to you and here's to more Victories.

Sincerely,

*Gordon*  
Gordon B. Fister  
For the Alumni Office